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SUBJECT: VISIT OF KHMER FONMIN KEUKY LIM, MAY 1-B

1. KHMER FONMIN KEUKY LIM, UNOFFICIALLY IN NEW YORK TO
AWAIT A POSSIBLE CREDENTIALS CHALLENGE AT THE UNGA, CALLED
UPON SENIOR DEPARTMENTAL OFFICIALS (INCLUDING ACTING
SECRETARY RUSH, ASST. SECRETARIES INGERSOLL AND BUFFUM,
DEP. ASST. SECRETARIES ROOT OF AF AND SOBER OF NEA)
MAY 1-B FOR A REVIEW OF THE NEAR TERM AND TO CONSULT ON
STRATEGY FOR THE FORTHCOMING UNGA. MEMCONS WILL FOLLOW.

2. BELIBVE THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER WILL RETURN TO
CAMBODIA (FOLLOWING A VISIT TO COSTA RICA FOR THE PRESI-
DENTIAL INAUGURATION) WITH A CLEAR VIEW OF CONTINUED U.S.
DETERMINATION OF SUPPORT FOR THE GKR AND AN APPRECIATION

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OF THE PROBLEMS THAT BOTH GOVERNMENTS FACE.

3. KEUKY LIM UNDERSTANDS THAT THE ADMINISTRATION FACES AN UPHILL BATTLE IN THE CONGRESS ON THE AID PACKAGE. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THE ACTING SECRETARY AND AID/W HE WAS ASSURED THAT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE WOULD CONTINUE AT THE SAME LEVELS AND THAT HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE WOULD PRESENT NO PROBLEM. THIS LATTER THOUGHT WAS ECHOED BY SENATE STAFFER DALE DEHAAN WHO STATED HIS BELIEF THAT CONTINUED REFUGEE ASSISTANCE WOULD BE SUPPORTED BY SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY, BUT THAT HE COULD GIVE NO GUARANTEES ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE.

4. IN MEETINGS WITH SENIOR OFFICERS OF IO, AF AND NEA BUREAUS, KEUKY LIM DISCUSSED IN DEPTH THE PROSPECTS OF THE GKR IN HOLDING ITS SEAT IN THE UN. USG VIEW WAS EXPRESSED THAT WE WOULD CONTINUE TO DO OUR UTMOST HERE AND ABROAD WHERE IT WAS FEASIBLE, BUT THAT THE KKR WOULD HAVE TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT EFFORT TO LINE UP VOTES USING THEIR OWN EFFORTS AND THOSE OF THEIR ASIAN ALLIES. IN REVIEWING THE STRATEGY TO BE FOLLOWED AT THE UN, KEUKY LIM INDICATED TO DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS THAT THE GKR HOPED FOR A SECOND DEFERRAL OF THE REPRESENTATION ISSUE AND THAT HE WAS COGNIZANT OF THE NEED TO ASSIGN A CAPABLE, ENGLISH-SPEAKING PERMREP TO THE NEW YORK MISSION AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. THE FONMIN ALSO DESCRIBED GKR EFFORTS TO FIELD A NON-OFFICIAL CHAMELEGATION TO CARRY THE ARGUMENT TO THE MOSLEM WORLD IN AN EFFORT TO WEAN VOTES AWAY FROM SIHANOUK.

5. IN GENERAL TOUR D'HORIZON, ACTING SECRETARY RUSH TOLD FONMIN HE BELIEVED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL THE OTHER SIDE WAS BROUGHT TO THE REALIZATION THAT MILITARY SOLUTION WAS NOT POSSIBLE.

6. IN MEETINGS WITH EA AND PM, STRESS WAS LAID ON THE NECESSITY FOR BETTER FANK PERFORMANCE IN ORDER TO RETAIN U. S. CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC SYMPATHY AND INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT. PARTICULAR STRESS WAS MADE FOR NEED OF GREATER SBANDING OF RESOURCES, PARTICULARLY AMMUNITION, GIVEN THE LARGE SHARE THAT IT REPRESENTS IN THE TOTAL ASSISTANCE FIGURE.

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7. DEPARTMENT OFFICERS CONGRATULATED THE FONMIN ON THE GOOD SHOWING MADE BY FANK AT KAMPOT AND PREY VENG AND EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT ALL THE ADVANTAGES WERE NOT WITH THE OTHER SIDE WHICH ALSO FACED NUMEROUS PROBLEMS.

8. VISIT WAS KEPT LOW KEY WITH NO PRESS CONFERENCES OR CONTACT ASIDE FROM SHORT VOA INTERVIEW IN KHMER. THE

MINISTER DID CALL UPON SENATOR MANSFIELD IN COMPANY OF
UM SIM. MANSFIELD INDICATED GREATER COMPREHENSION OF
SIHANOUK'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE INSURGENTS.THE SENATOR
STATED HE BELIEVED THAT SIHANOUK'S STATUS WAS SLIPPING
AS THE WAR GOES ON. KHMER FONMIN ALSO MET WITH SENATORS
THURMOND AND HANSON WHO VOICED SUPPORT FOR ASSISTANCE
PACKAGE. DELEGATION UNABLE TO MEET PLANNED SESSIONS WITH
SENATORS SCOTT, INOUE AND KENNEDY DUE TO CROWDED SCHEDULES
AND ILLNESSES. RUSH

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